

"Missions and The Local Church"
(Acts 13:1-4)

Acts 13 provides us with a biblical foundation for the administration of world missions. Today as we allow God to rekindle our hearts for missions, and especially giving to missions, we will be reminded of...

I. The PLATFORM of Missions (vv.1-2a)

- **The Locality of the Church**
(Matt 16:18; Acts 1:8; 2:41-42; 11:19-26)
- **The LEADERSHIP of the Church**
(Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27; 11:20-30; 12:25)

II. The PERSONNEL of Missions (v.2b)

- **They Were Called**
(Gal 1:15; Rom 1:1; Acts 9:15)
- **They Were Qualified**
(1 Tim 3:1-11; 2 Tim 2:24-25; Titus 1:6-9)

III. The PROGRAM of Missions (vv.3-4a)

- **The Church Sends (Gives/Prays)**
(Matt 9:37-38; Rom 10:14-15)
- **The Missionary Serves (Goes/Preaches)**
(Acts 14:21-23, 26-27)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: If you could visit missionaries and their mission field anywhere in the world, where would you want to go?

1. Share something from Sunday's message that challenged you.
2. Read and discuss Acts 13:1-4. Why is the role of the local church so important for missions? What is your part in this?
3. What can we learn from the leadership team at the Antioch church? How can we discern the Holy Spirit's desire in our lives? (Are prayer and fasting still important?)
4. Who is someone you can "go to" with the gospel – praying, investing and inviting?
5. Share one way that one of Cornerstone's missionaries has blessed you or challenged you? (*Maungos, Samuels, Cadys, Garcineeses, Huckels, Benners, Fullers, Logsdons, Woosters, Jenkins, Ringelbergs, Normans, Littles*)

Small Group Prayer Time

Before you pray, each person share at least one name of someone you can invite to our Harvest Dinner next Sunday. Pray that they will come!

Digging Deeper

1. Read about that first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13-14. What towns did they visit? How did God use them to make a difference in peoples' lives? What is something from this journey that challenges you?
2. What are some qualifications that should be in the lives of pastors and missionaries according to 1 Tim 3:2-7 and 2 Tim 2:24-25? Rate yourself on each of the qualities. Ask God to help you to grow in areas of weakness.

For Next Week – Be sure to invite at least one person to the Harvest Dinner (and Friend Day service). Take some extra time for prayer that God will use His Word in peoples' hearts next Sunday.